

bad gambling as video lotteries? Now we'll go a step further. Senator Hoagland just said a few minutes ago that some form of lotteries is all right. So I asked him a question about lotteries and video lotteries. He said, I think it's different. I think a lottery ticket is very different from a slot machine that takes you five seconds to lose a quarter, Senator Hoagland, and an hour to lose \$100. You can't do that on a ticket lottery. Well I guess you can, but it's still different. So Senator Hoagland says in one breath that video lotteries are bad because you can lose a lot of money in five seconds, but on the next breath when he was asked a question, he says, well I guess you can do the same thing on lotteries which he approves of.

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

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SENATOR HABERMAN: So I would say that due to Senator Hoagland not reading the bill, due to Senator Hoagland kind of being confused on the whole issue and not liking horse racing and not introducing a bill, that Senator Hoagland's opposition to this bill must come from some other source than just to dislike gambling. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hartnett is next, but may I please introduce some guests of Senator DeCamp in the north balcony. There are 20 eighth graders from Atkinson Elementary School in Atkinson, Nebraska, and their teacher. Will you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm one of the cities that had, one of the cities in Nebraska that had the experience with video lotteries last year and I think I passed out earlier some material relating to the wholehearted support that we have from people in our community. It has meant, when the video lotteries were in operation, it brought in \$1.7 million to the City of Bellevue and for the State of Nebraska it added \$1.4 million. Bellevue was able to cut their property tax by 7 percent and they were able to buy library books, fire truck, renovate an old building, purchase a senior citizen van and purchase a building for senior citizens. For the rest of my time I'd like to quote from our mayor that testified at the public hearing related to sometimes the